



***Substitute Senate Bill No. 456***

***Public Act No. 14-120***

***AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE CONNECTICUT CODE  
OF EVIDENCE BY THE SUPREME COURT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Supreme Court is authorized to adopt the Connecticut Code of Evidence. If the Supreme Court proceeds with the adoption of the Connecticut Code of Evidence, the Chief Justice shall appoint a standing advisory committee that shall study the provisions of said code and the orderly development of evidence law, and make recommendations to the Supreme Court concerning any proposed amendments to said code by the Supreme Court. The committee shall be comprised of judges of the Superior Court and attorneys who are members of the bar of this state and representative of diverse areas of the practice of law. The Chief Justice shall appoint one member of the committee to serve as the chairperson of the committee. In carrying out the duties prescribed in this subsection, the committee, in its discretion, may conduct public hearings.

(b) On or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the chairperson of the advisory committee established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall report on the activities of the advisory committee to the joint standing committee of the General

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Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary. Upon the adoption of said code by the Supreme Court, such report shall include any proposed amendments to said code which are being considered by the advisory committee.

(c) Nothing in this section shall limit with respect to the law of evidence the authority of the Supreme Court under common law or the legislative authority of the General Assembly.

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